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President-elect Joseph R. Biden Jr.
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Dear President-elect Biden,

Our national security space enterprise will be materially degraded if the arbitrary decision to relocate U.S. Space Command (USSPACECOM) from its home in Colorado Springs, Colorado to Huntsville, Alabama is allowed to proceed. This hastily made political decision to relocate the USSPACECOM headquarters places the security of our nation, partners, and allies at severe risk. It is with a great sense of urgency that I call on you to reverse this decision. There is no way around it: relocating USSPACECOM will damage America's national security and erode our competitive edge in space.

As we speak, our near-peer adversaries, Russia and China, are actively working to defeat our space capabilities. USSPACECOM recently announced that Russia conducted yet another test of a direct-ascent anti-satellite missile. That was Moscow's second test of an anti-satellite weapon in 2020. Meanwhile, China has been much more secretive about its growing space capabilities. In the midst of the ongoing great power competition between the U.S. and our allies against the forces of tyranny and absolutism represented by Vladimir Putin's Russia and the Chinese Communist Party, arbitrarily shuffling USSPACECOM around like a political trophy would prove disastrous.

USSPACECOM was located in Colorado Springs from 1985 to 2002, and reestablished there in 2019. America's national security space ecosystem has grown up in Colorado. This last-minute decision, based entirely on political expediency, will devastate our space capabilities.

I call on you to use your authority immediately upon taking office as our nation's commander-in-chief to reverse this foolish and hastily made decision. U.S. space capabilities are central to our national security and economic activity. Your reversal of this decision will do a great deal to secure these critical space assets, and safeguard our way of life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doug Lamborn".

Doug Lamborn
Member of Congress